



Life Course

Childhood Resilience Factor

Brief Name

Early Intervention through the Birth to 3 Program

Indicator

Percent of infants and toddlers in the state receiving early intervention services.

Description

This is a point-in-time measure of the number of infants and toddlers with delays or disabilities receiving Birth to 3 Program services through Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part C, which includes speech, physical and occupational therapy, special education, case management and other services as needed to support a family's ability to care for and raise a successful child.

WI

2.81%

US

2.82%

Best

Not Available

Worst

Year

2013

Numerator

Number of children with delays or disabilities receiving early intervention services on a single day

Denominator

Children aged 0-3

Importance

This is a high-quality metric, collected annually by the state Part C program, which tracks the percent of children served through early intervention. Early intervention using evidence-based practices has been shown to increase school performance and decrease need for services later in life (Guralnick, 1997).

Limitations

State comparisons cannot readily be made as states define different levels of eligibility into the program. For more information about eligibility criteria see <http://ectacenter.org/topics/earlyid/partcelig.asp>.

Source

Wisconsin data obtained from Birth to 3 Program State Annual Performance Report, online at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/reports/apr-2013c-wi.pdf>. (2014). National and comparison data from ECTA, <http://ectacenter.org/partc/partcdata.asp>. Guralnick, Michael, Ed. The Effectiveness of Early Intervention. Paul H Brooks Publishing, Baltimore, MD (1997).